

TOWNSHIP TIMES

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Hampton Township Board of Trustees

meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals

meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings

are held in the Board room at 801 W. Center Rd.

SEWER RATE REDUCTION TALKS UPDATE



Hampton Township sewer customers are paying over double the cost of rates charged to the City of Bay City customers and close to 70% more than their bills were last year.

The Township has met numerous times with the City and with our consultants on this sewer rate issue trying to come up with some sort of relief to our customers. Unfortunately negotiations with city officials have not accomplished a sufficient rate reduction for Hampton sewer customers.

Therefore on June 15, 2005 the City was served notice of the Townships' desire to terminate the sewer contract with the City of Bay City but would intend on continuing its negotiations in regards to setting rates for the duration of the contract.

We are well into the planning stages of joining West Bay Co. Wastewater Treatment Plant. It will take time and money to accomplish this task; however, at the present time this appears to be the best decision for Hampton Township sewer

customers.

The Township Board has put in time and effort trying to make the best possible decision for our sewer customers and we will continue to do so until the issue is resolved - hopefully soon.

Township Trustees: **Wayne Esterhai, Paul Hugo, Don Klass and Don VanDenBoom** have been busy this year discussing sewer issues and concerns with Township residents and are determined to ensure our Township remains a good community to live in.



ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2005

Primary Roads

Scheduled for Asphalt

- Knight: M25 to Hampton -6/27
- Hampton: Knight to Farley-6/10
- Farley: M25 to Hampton
- Youngsditch: Knight to Farley-6/14
- Mulholland: 22nd to 16th-6/29
- Borton Rd: City limits to Knight-July

Secondary Roads

Scheduled for Asphalt

- Boutell : Nebobish to Borton
- Boutell: Borton to Hampton
- Avalon Circle
- Spengler Park Sub
- (Spengler, Rosselli, Fair Oaks)
- Knight: Hampton to Arms

Scheduled for Chip & Seal

- Burns: Nebobish to Youngsditch
- Finn: Hampton to Youngsditch
- Wagner: Ridge to Youngsditch
- Jones: Ridge to Youngsditch
- Ridge: Knight to Farley

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



A new 50 Apartment Senior Housing Project Located on Pine Road between Alterra Assisted living and Fairway Golf Driving Range is in the planning stages.

A 22 unit site condominium subdivision (Under Wood Estates) just east of the First Baptist Church, at 1145 W. Center Road was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 27th.



NEW BUSINESSES

We would like to welcome the following new businesses to the Township:

- MDL Investments
- Hungry Howies relocation
- Tim Hortons
- Shell Gas Station
- Dunkin Donuts
- Baskin Robbins
- All Occasions
- Bay Area Pediatrics
- Family Eye Care
- Sunsational Tanning
- Thomson & Associates
- Michigan Behavioral
- Dr. James Cabeen & Dr. Nanette Cabeen
- Bay Regional Pediatrics
- Heritage Tattoo
- From Buds to Blooms
- Check N Go
- Cash N Go
- Chiropractic Plus
- Dollar General
- Helen Nickless Volunteer Clinic
- Fountain Ministries
- MPS Weight Loss & Wellness
- Rent-A-Center
- Credit Union Plus
- Mich Behavioral
- Brads Carpet by the Bay
- East Side Family Phys.
- Double J's

Support your local businesses



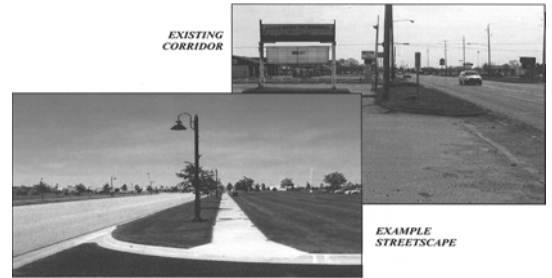
NEW HOME REPORT

- 2004 - 22 Single Family Homes
8 - Condos
- 2005 - 6 Single Family Homes
9 - Condos

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CENTER AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The Hampton Township DDA is developing a streetscaping project in order to help enhance the Center Ave corridor as a strongly appealing and competitive retail environment. This project will include the following features in order to accomplish this task:

- Removal and burying of overhead utilities (electric/telephone/cable)
- Construction using existing DDA tax capture funds—will not increase taxes!!!
- Construction of new 6' wide concrete sidewalks to offer improved pedestrian and non-motorized access
- Placement of decorative street lighting
- Establishment of greenbelts featuring lawn areas and decorative street trees
- Pocket park areas including benches, trash receptacles, and decorative walks.



RETIREES & NEW EMPLOYEES

	<p><u>Retirees:</u></p> <p>Dept. of Public Works</p> <p>Tom Williamson 21 years</p> <p>Randy Van Sumeren 37 years</p> <p>Fire Dept.</p> <p>Wayne Schafer, Chief 36 years</p> <p>Police Dept.</p> <p>Lt. William Edmonds 27 years</p>
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	<p><u>New Hirees:</u></p> <p>DPW</p> <p>Rob Worden</p> <p>Jim Hugo</p> <p>Chad Lutz</p> <p>Jayson Tacey</p> <p>FINN RD. PARK MGR.</p> <p>Larry Schoof</p>
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Treasurer's Corner

Summer Taxes are due and payable to Hampton Twp. without interest July 1, 2005 to Sept. 14, 2005.

Beginning Sept 15, 2005 1% will be added and an additional 1% will be added each month until paid.

Delinquent Summer Taxes are payable to the Bay County Treasurer beginning March 1, 2006, with additional penalty of 4% Admin Fee and 1% interest per month until paid.

HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recreational Fire Rules

The following rules must be abided by for permits to be valid. The property owner must obtain a permit in person at the fire department. It is illegal to have any type of outdoor fire without a valid permit and the property owner may be subject to a citation without a permit.

1. The fire pit shall not be closer than 25 feet to combustibles.
2. The fire can not be a hazard to surround buildings, fences, vehicles

or wood lots.

3. The fire, including actions of those in attendance at the fire, can not be a nuisance to your neighbors.
4. The wind shall not blow towards your neighbors.
5. The wind speed shall not cause any ember to leave the fire pit area.
6. You must have a ready means to extinguish the fire if necessary.
7. Someone 17 years of age or older must be in attendance at

all times.

8. The fire must be extinguished prior to leaving.
9. A copy of this permit must be available at the scene.
10. The fire shall be extinguished when told to do so by the fire department or the police department.
11. Violation of any of the rules for this permit makes it void and could severely hamper your ability to acquire another permit.

12. A recreational fire is defined as burning logs less than 24 inches in length and 5 inches in diameter. (The burning of leaves, grass, brush, building material or rubbish is prohibited)

For more information please contact Hampton Fire Department at 893-7791 or our web site at:

www.hamptontownship.org

DPW UPDATE

Our DPW was kept busy with one of the longest and heaviest snowfall in years.

Maintenance on all equipment and buildings has been more than usual.

With the closing of Camp Tuscola, the DPW employees will be adding to their work loads, by assuming all of the duties that the Camp Tuscola workers assisted them with.

The DPW work force has changed in the last two years with 5 retirements and only 4 replacements. With spring here and summer fast approaching, our workers shift into high gear to keep up with the outdoor maintenance.

Duties include grass cutting along the roadways, and dike,

upkeep of the rail trail and parks, brush chipping, and secondary drainage upkeep (just to name a few) make their job a never ending cycle.

Construction of the Nature Trail extension will begin in July of 2005. A walk bridge (that spans the Finn Road Drain) will be the first step of the trail as it winds westward towards Knight Road.

We hope to complete this project in 2005, for all to enjoy the natural beauty along the trail.

Borton Road widening/resurfacing project will be a joint venture between the Bay County Road Commission and the Hampton Township DPW. The improvements to be

made to this road will be a huge undertaking and start with the DPW installing an underground storm drain in place of the open ditch and moving mailboxes. These improvements will add to the safety of all who use this road.

Your Township Board feels that the Borton Road project is very important and is long overdue. We would like to thank the Bay County Road Commission and the crew of the Hampton Township DPW for all of their hard work and effort they have put into making this project a reality.

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OBITUARIES:

Shirley Burley, long time Hampton Township Treasurer and previous Bay County Commissioner.

Norm Karr, Park manager for Finn Road Campground

Bob Gillman, past Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector

Joseph Nelson, previous Mechanical Inspector.



Thinking about installing an irrigation system for you lawn?

Please note requirements:

1. Purchase a plumbing permit & water meter.
2. Backflow preventor device must be installed & tested by a plumber certified to test backflow preventors.
3. A copy of this test must be submitted to Hampton Township Office at the time of installation and tested annually.

Hampton Charter Township

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Holiday Hours

The Administrative Office,
Dept. of Public Works and
Transfer Station will be
closed:

July 4th,

September 5,

Labor Day;

October 10,

Columbus Day;

November 11,

Veterans Day;

November 24,

November 25,

December dates to be
determined.

Brush Chipping is
a service that is
available to our
residents.

The DPW's current
schedule for chip-
ping is Tuesdays &
Thursdays.

Residents are re-
quested to put the
brush out by the
road with the cut
ends facing the
road and contact
the DPW at 892-
4841 to be put on
the chipping sched-
ule.



**Our landfill (transfer station)
is open 5 days a week :**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wed

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

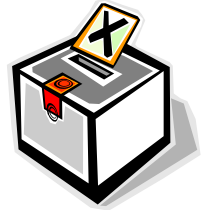
Residents must have a dump permit which
is checked every time you use the transfer
station.

Checking permits is not an easy task for our
landfill attendant; nor has it been popular
with the residents utilizing the landfill. But, it
has saved thousand of dollars by keeping
people from using the landfill that are not
residents of the Township.

Recycling dumpsters have been
an on going success since they
were first implemented. Environ-
mental quality should be on every-
one's mind.



New Voting Machines



Hampton Township is
now the proud owner
of the ES&S M100
optical scan voting
system. This system
was purchased, county-wide, with HAVA
(Help America Vote Act) monies from the
federal government.

The system was used for the first time at
the May 3, 2005 election with great suc-
cess.

To see if you are registered to vote or to
obtain more information on the voting sys-
tem, please visit this website:
www.publius.com

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT.

Police Work:

Your officers are on duty
24/7, diligently carrying out
their duties. Recently, three
of our officers (Todd Becker,
Tom Janczewski & Brian
Dansereau) were instrumen-
tal in the arrest of an individ-
ual who is responsible for
over 100 burglaries that oc-
curred in the tri-county area.

Acting on a tip from a con-
cerned citizen Office Becker
effected the arrest of the indi-
vidual and stopped the crime
spree that that spanned the
mid Michigan/Thumb area.

We at the police department
would like to encourage all of
our citizens to call when you
see someone or something
that does not look like a nor-
mal everyday legitimate activ-
ity. Dial 911 to report it &
have an officer check it out.

Normal office operating
hours for the Hampton Town-
ship Police Station (Office)
are Mon. through Fri. from

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A secretary will usually be
present during those hours if
you need to obtain a copy of
a completed report, register a
handgun or obtain informa-
tion.

There are officers are on
duty 24 hours per day, but
only in the station to obtain
equipment, process arrests,
property and type reports.

If you need to speak to a
police officer about a crime or
an incident, call 911.

If you desire to talk to an
officer about an ongoing
case, that is being investi-
gated by a Hampton Officer,
call 892-0571 and leave a
message.

When that officer returns to
the office, he/she will return
your message.

Project Childsafe

This summer we will again

team up with the National
Shooting Sports Foundation
and participate in Project
Childsafe. We will be giving
free gun locks to any resident
who comes to the Police Sta-
tion to request them. The
gun locks and safety material
are provided by a Grant from
the U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Police Dept Retirement

Lt. William Edmonds has
announced his intent to retire
on July 8th. He has over 27
years with the dept. Bill is
one of the original officers
who started at the inception
of this Dept. and is one of the
few accident re-
constructionists in this area of
the State.

With his retirement, goes a
wealth of knowledge, both
about the Dept and the citi-
zens who live, work and visit
here. Good Luck in your
retirement...You will be
missed.